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PROBABLE SAM TRAINING SITE A19A-2 (325)
HANOI, NORTH VIETNAM
20-54-15N 105-51-15E

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1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS A NEWLY IDENTIFIED PROBABLE SAM TRAINING SITE, THE ONLY SUCH ACTIVE FACILITY PRESENTLY CARRIED BY NPIC IN NORTH VIETNAM.

2. LOCATION:

7.9 NM SOUTH OF HANOI.

3. BACKGROUND:

AT THE PRESENT TIME THERE ARE THREE (3) SA-2 MISSILE ASSEMBLY OR SAM ASSOCIATED SUPPORT AREAS ACTIVE IN NORTH VIETNAM. HOWEVER, THERE ARE NO KNOWN ACTIVE TRAINING FACILITIES. ALTHOUGH SITE 181 WAS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS ROLE AT ONE TIME IT HAS SINCE BEEN ABANDONED.

4. MISSION READOUT:

THE SITE WHICH CONSISTS OF FOUR UNREVETTED LAUNCH POSITIONS OCCUPIED BY MISSILES ON LAUNCHERS AND AN UNREVETTED GUIDANCE AREA OCCUPIED BY A MODIFIED FAN SONG RADAR AND FIVE SUPPORT VANS, IS PROBABLY BEING USED AS A TRAINING SITE. IN ADDITION TO THE OPERATIONAL PORTION OF THE SITE, THERE ARE TWO SURVEYED LAUNCH POSITIONS IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE GUIDANCE

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AREA EACH CONTAINING A CANVAS COVERED LAUNCHER. THEY DO NOT APPEAR TO BE A PART OF THE OPERATIONAL SITE. IMMEDIATELY IN FRONT OF THE OCCUPIED LAUNCH POSITIONS ARE FIVE ADDITIONAL SURVEYED AND UNREVETTED UNOCCUPIED LAUNCH POSITIONS. TRACK ACTIVITY AND GROUND SCARRING IN THE LAUNCH POSITIONS INDICATE PRIOR OCCUPANCY. OTHER EQUIPMENT IN THE AREA INCLUDES EIGHT MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, (TWO WITH CANVAS COVERED MISSILES), EIGHT CANVAS COVERED MISSILES ON ASSEMBLY CARTS, TEN PRIME MOVERS, TWO TRACKED PRIME MOVERS, THREE SETS OF BOGIE WHEELS, AND FOURTEEN SA-2 MISSILE CANISTERS.

5. REMARKS:

SEVERAL FACTORS INDICATE THIS OPERATIONAL SA-2 SITE IS ALSO PROBABLY BEING USED FOR TRAINING PURPOSES. THE PRESENCE OF 11 LAUNCH POSITIONS, THE HEAVY TRACK ACTIVITY AROUND THE LAUNCH POSITIONS INDICATING USE AND PROBABLE REUSE OF THE POSITIONS AS WELL AS THE PRESENCE OF SA-2 EQUIPMENT IN EXCESS OF THAT WHICH IS NORMALLY OBSERVED AT AN SA-2 SITE, ALL POINT TOWARDS A PROBABLE TRAINING FUNCTION AT THIS SITE.

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